

August 25, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Federal Communications Commission
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Since 1914, the Greater Atlantic City Chamber has provided the local and regional business community with meaningful services to create a favorable economic climate. The Chamber works in tandem with member businesses to foster growth of the region's economy and facilitate a higher quality of life for its residents. There is no question that the region's economy is dealing with its fair share of challenges. Atlantic City is still on the mend from the national economic downturn and is facing increased competition from gaming industries in neighboring states. However, with innovative leadership and collaboration among businesses, Atlantic City's prospects are taking a more positive turn.

Atlantic City is located in a Comcast service area, which has brought great benefit to business and residential communities. Comcast has been an active member of our Chamber and has provided members with access to excellent business services. Residents and businesses alike benefit from Comcast's offering the fastest broadband speeds and Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots. The company opened these hotspots free of charge to the public immediately after Superstorm Sandy in 2012 to help residents, businesses and emergency responders communicate during this catastrophic event. As Atlantic City works toward a brighter economic future, it is helpful to have a high quality cable and Internet provider as a partner. We encourage the FCC to open the door for more communities to benefit from a Comcast partnership by approving its proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable.

Comcast Corporation has shown a sincere commitment to the Atlantic City community by ensuring that all of its local business entities take part in Chamber activities: Comcast Business, Comcast Spotlight, Comcast Cable and Global Spectrum, the management company for two important non-gaming venues in Atlantic City - the Atlantic City Convention Center and Boardwalk Hall. Fred DeAndrea, Comcast's Freedom Region Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, is a member of the board and frequently contributes to the Chamber's regional business plans. Other Comcast team members are regular event sponsors, participants and leaders. This past May, Comcast Spotlight headed up a

networking luncheon to help members find solutions to advertise their businesses. This commitment to helping businesses succeed across the board is a major reason why Comcast is truly making an impact on the future of Atlantic City's economy.

Comcast Business Service has become a sought-after office service for the Chamber and its members. This service provides advanced communication solutions to help companies of all sizes be more productive. Comcast Business Ethernet Service additionally delivers high-performance, multi-point connectivity over a national fiber-optic network. For many of our local office parks and convention spaces, this multi-access broadband connectivity has proven to be the most user-friendly system ever used. The Ethernet service also provides high speed connections of up to 10 Gbps, which helps Atlantic City-area businesses compete with the scale of the world's economy.

Finally, the entire community is advanced by Comcast's commitment to providing a sound cable and broadband infrastructure for our region's telecommunications system. We understand that Comcast has invested billions in its network and next-generation technologies and has increased speeds 13 times in the last 12 years. Residential downstream broadband speeds have increased to 505 Mbps and are among the highest in the industry. Comcast has also doubled the capacity of its network every 18 months and has planted Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots in public spaces all over Atlantic City.

All in all, Comcast has helped provide the Greater Atlantic City region tools to move toward a brighter economic future. With excellent Chamber participation from several Comcast entities, Comcast is truly one of the best corporate partners with which we are associated. We urge the FCC to consider of the examples in this letter and take a step to move America's economy forward by approving the proposed Time Warner Cable/Comcast transaction.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Kelly, President